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1. SUMMARY. IN MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD JANUARY 20, MINISTER OF LABOR FUJII EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT RESULT OF LAST WEEK'S STRAUSS-USHIBA TALKS, SAID GOJ MUST DO MORE TO LIBERALIZE IMPORTS, AND URGED US, AS LEADER OF DEMOCRACIES, TO REJOIN ILO. AMBASSADOR CONGRATULATED MINISTRY ON ITS NEW INITIATIVES IN TRADEUNION EXCHANGE FIELD AND SUGGESTED THAT FUJII AND SECRETARY MARSHALL CONSIDER VISITS TO EACH OTHER'S COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO CEMENT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MOL AND DOL. END SUMMARY.

2. IN FIRST MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD JANUARY 20, LABOR
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MINISTER KATSUSHI FUJII EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION OVER SMOOTH CONCLUSION OF TRADE TALKS BETWEEN MINISTER USHIBA AND AMBASSADOR STRAUSS. FUJII COMMENTED THAT JAPAN CAN NO LONGER ESPOUSE FREE TRADE WITH RESPECT TO ITS EXPORTS WHILE AT SAME TIME ARGUING NEED TO PROTECT ITS HOME MARKET FROM IMPORTS. HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT JAPAN "WOULD IMPROVE ITS PERFORMANCE" IN THIS RESPECT, BUT CAUTIONED THAT IN JAPAN, AS IN OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED

NATIONS, AGRICULTURAL SECTOR WAS SPECIAL CASE, REQUIRING SOME PROTECTION. IN RESPONSE TO FUJII'S REQUEST FOR AN EVALUATION OF GOJ'S FY78 SEVEN PERCENT REAL GROWTH TARGET, AMBASSADOR SAID THAT IT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A DESIRABLE GOAL, WHICH MAY WELL BE ACHIEVED. FUJII SAID THAT HE PARTICULARLY WELCOMED EMPHASIS PLACED ON SECOND PARAGRAPH OF JOINT STATEMENT ON IMPORTANCE OF DEALING WITH UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM IN ORDER TO AVOID GROWTH IN PROTECTIONISM.

3. FUJII EXPRESSED REGRET THAT US, AS LEADER OF THE DEMOCRACIES, DECIDED TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ILO AND HE MADE STRONG PLEA FOR US RETURN TO THE ORGANIZATION. HE STRESSED THAT JAPAN WOULD CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR REFORM OF ILO. AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER, ANNOUNCING OUR WITHDRAWAL, HELD THE DOOR OPEN FOR RETURN BUT THAT A DECISION TO DO SO WOULD DEPEND BASICALLY UPON WHETHER ILO MEMBER NATIONS SERIOUSLY TACKLED THE QUESTION OF REFORM IN COMING MONTHS.

4. FUJII WELCOMED CURRENT VISIT TO JAPAN BY AFL-CIO HEADQUARTERS STAFFERS DONAHUE AND OSWLAD AND SAID HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM HAD GREATLY CLARIFIED MEANING OF AFL-CIO PRESIDENT MEANY'S SPEECH TO RECENT CONVENTION. FUJII ADDED THAT JAPANESE MEDIA HAD PORTRAYED MEANY'S SPEECH AS PRESAGING COMPLETE COMMITMENT BY AFL-CIO TO CLOSING US DOORS TO FOREIGN TRADE BUT THAT DONAHUE HAD EMPHASIZED AFL-CIO'S DESIRE TO SEE INTERNATIONAL TRADE FLOURISH SO LONG AS TRADING NATIONS TREATED EACH OTHER FAIRLY.
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FUJII SAID MOL WOULD BEGIN NEW PROGRAM OF INVITING FOREIGN TRADE UNION LEADERS TO JAPAN BECAUSE OF IMPORTANCE OF LABOR MOVEMENT TO TRADE POLICY. AMBASSADOR CONGRATULATED MOL ON ITS NEW VENTURE INTO "LABOR DIPLOMACY" AND SUGGESTED THAT MEETING BETWEEN MINISTER FUJII AND SECRETARY MARSHALL WOULD ALSO CONTRIBUTE GREATLY TO INCREASED UNDERSTANDING IN THIS AREA.

5. COMMENT. FUJII'S QUESTION TO AMBASSADOR ON FY78 SEVEN PERCENT GROWTH RATE REFLECTS MINI-DEBATE OVER THIS ISSUE WHICH SURFACED WITHIN LDP LAST WEEK FOLLOWING STRAUSS-USHIBA COMMUNIQUE (TOKYO 1035). LDP SEC GEN OHIRA AND OTHER PARTY RIVALS OF PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA CLAIMED FIGURE REPRESENTED FIRM INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENT (AND IMPLIED FUKUDA WOULD HAVE TO RESIGN IF FIGURE NOT MET). FUKUDA SUCCESSFULLY PERSUADED LDP TO CONFIRM FIGURE AS DOMESTICALLY-ARRIVED-AT TARGET NOT ESTABLISHED AS RESULT OF FOREIGN (READ US) PRESSURE.
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